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Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Why did the Government think it necessary to omit the Mayor of Madras, the first citizen of the City, from the selection committee? "

The Hon. Sri K. MADHAVA MENON :—" We did not want the Mayor to be entangled in the various applications that may come and in the recommendations in regard to these matters. Again, the Corporation is one of the bodies which sends the largest amount of work to bench courts and it was thought better that the Mayor was not made a party for the selection of persons who are to sit in judgment and decide those matters."

Mrs. M. N. CLUBWALA :—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to enquire into the unfair propaganda carried on against juvenile courts magistrates and if so, what steps he proposes to take to redeem the honour of the juvenile court magistrates who, as far as I know, are not being treated fairly? "

Mr. CHAIRMAN :—" I do not know whether the Hon. Minister will be prepared to answer the question."

The Hon. Sri K. MADHAVA MENON :—" There is no unfair comment so far as I know about these juvenile courts. But, I can say, they are now doing splendid work and it will be in the interests of everybody if the hon. Member herself tries to do propaganda against false rumours."

Mrs. M. N. CLUBWALA :—" I beg your pardon, Sir. It was in papers and the Hon. Minister might have read it. Already there was a deputation to the Chief Presidency Magistrate expressing our resentment at the great deal of unfair propaganda which, we can prove, is being carried on by people who have no idea of the work the juvenile court magistrates are turning out? " 11-15 a.m.

The Hon. Sri K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Unfair propaganda is going on not only regarding the good work of the juvenile court magistrates but many others who have good work to their credit."

Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, if the committee is also selecting juvenile court magistrates? "

The Hon. Sri K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Yes, Sir. They are also honorary magistrates and the presidency magistrate allots them to the juvenile court."

Starting of Fruit Farms attached to each Research Station.

* 4 *Q.*—Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the proposal to start fruit farms attached to each Research Station has been given effect to; and

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, what the Research Stations are where fruit farms have been started and when such farms can be expected to come into existence in the remaining Research Stations?

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) & (b) It is presumed the hon. Member refers to the fruit farms ordered to be started during 1948–49 at the following Agricultural Research Stations :—

(1) Siruguppa, Bellary district.
(2) Tirurkuppam, Chingleput district.
(3) Tindivanam, South Arcot district.
(4) Palur, South Arcot district.
(5) Aduthurai, Tanjore district.
(6) Gudiyatham, North Arcot district.
(7) Pattambi, Malabar district.

The scheme was not actually started. After the sites were selected for the proposed farms, the possible value of those small centres in influencing the fruit cultivation was re-examined by the Director of Agriculture and it has been found that ideal sites and soils were not available at the Agricultural Research Stations and that the purpose in view would be better served by the establishment of model orchard-*cum*-nurseries in different centres of the State. A scheme for starting model orchard-*cum*-nurseries at Rajahmundry, Mathurai, Mangalore, Salem and Chittoor has since been sanctioned by Government in March 1950. The establishment of fruit farms at the Agricultural Research Stations mentioned above has therefore been abandoned."

Provincial Town-Planning Committee.

* 5 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Government have considered the recommendations of the Provincial Town-Planning Committee and if so, what the action proposed on the various recommendations is?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The Government have examined the recommendations of the Provincial Town-Planning Enquiry Committee and have passed orders on them. A copy of [a] G.O. No. 1097, Health, dated 25th March 1950 is laid on the table of the House."

The Madras Central Land Mortgage Bank.

* 6 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) the rates at which the Madras Central Land Mortgage Bank has been floating their debentures recently;

(*b*) the rates at which loans are made available by the Central Land Mortgage Bank to Primary Land Mortgage Banks;

(*c*) the rates charged to the ultimate borrower by the Primary Land Mortgage Banks;

(*d*) the rate at which loans are granted by Government under the Agriculturists' Loans Act, and the Land Improvement Loans Act; and

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[a] Printed as Appendix VI on page 164 infra.